FIREARMS CHIP SAFETY SYSTEM

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I grew up in a family who used guns at times to provide food. I do believe the majority of other gun owners in this country are sensible, responsible and safe minded. With this in mind, the proposal I put forward is to initiate a generic and automatic chip imbedding for maintaining an industry based gun ownership tracking nationally.

The concept is to permanently embed, or mount tracking chips, in assault style rifles during their manufacturing process. If necessary, there would be multiple chips in each gun (specifically in parts that are interchangeable) with matching identification code.

A data base would tie the chip code to the serial number on the rifle. This would allow for tracking of the assault rifles from the manufacturing process to the retirement of the rifle. When an assault style rifle is distributed to sellers and then purchased or changes ownership, all parties involved would submit to registry to State and Local police registry center. It would also be a way to register the assault rifle tracking chips code, to its new owners home or intended storage location.

This system would then be set up at both state and local police departments which would allow the tracking of the coded rifles. This system would have the license number, the chip code, storage location, and other necessary information. When the assault rifle is intended for use or moved from its home/storage location, a simple online form or priority mail allowing 24hour notice would be filled out and sent to state and local police.

If the assault rifle is moved without notification, or if all tracking chip codes in the rifle are not matching, a **RED FLAG** warning would immediately show up on State and local network computers indicating the weapon is being tampered with or moved from its legitimate base. A system would also be put in place within the chip tracking software package that authorities would use. This system would allow both State and Local police the ability to set up designated high level safety zones -- (schools, malls, churches and locations that carry high density pedestrian traffic such as concert parks and sport stadiums) specific to their towns. These locations would be marked so that a warning would be automatically sent out to all

authorities if an assault rifle comes within a concerned location of a distance based on how far a bullet from the assault rifle could carry or what the needs of each location carry. A map of these locations would be available online or by pickup at local town hall or local police.

Assault rifle owners could then, after properly notifying police that they were going hunting or sport shooting, can access these maps to make sure the rifle is not accidently brought within the warning zones in the tracking system.

Implementing a chip tracking system on the assault style rifles would have many <u>Long Term</u> Benefits.

- 1. If the rifle is stolen, the owner would be able to notify police who then in turn could track it down more safely, effectively and economically.
- 2. It would provide an added measure of safety for police and other law enforcement.
- 3. Police and other law enforcement would be able to track daily movement of assault rifles more effectively, allowing for a more comprehensive understanding of how often and where, these rifles are being used and how often they change hands.

4. This system would also help alleviate some of the major concerns about public safety, and our ability to provide it.

Chip tracking systems are already functioning on automobiles and cell-phones, and used for safety of pets, cattle and farm stock; and increasingly, for individuals' under clinical and/or justice supervision (e.g. ankle bracelet motif).

Phase 1 the chip tracking system is all about public safety. It is about including safe minded and responsible gun owners having something specific to be put in place to protect their rights and safety.

Phase 2 of this would be something along the lines of a government 'buy back.' The option would be to either turn in an assault rifle with no tracking chip or exchanging it with an assault rifle equipped with imbedded tracking chips and required registration vetting.

Phase 3 securing all firearms with tracking chips installed and a commensurate database.

The proposal offers an opportunity for gun owners to enrich responsibility and integrity while owning or using firearms.

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